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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Office the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a final Office Action, Quayle Action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by § 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Office consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

- 1. <u>WO 00/27350</u> An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Abstract on the front page of this document.
- 2. **WO 01/52799** An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Abstract on the front page of this document.
- 3. **EP 0 925 780 A1** An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
- 4. **EP 0 820 764 A1** An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
- 5. **EP 0 923 928 A1** An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
- 6. FR 2 811 552 A1 An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
- 7. FR 2 816 506 An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Office applies any of the listed documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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